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OVER ALLEGED POLITICAL STATEMENT OF US SCIENTISTS
OVER ORLOV CONVICTION

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1. ON MORNING MAY 25 US DELEGATION LEADER SCHULMAN INFORMED SCICOUNS THAT DELEGATION HAD DECIDED TO REMAIN IN THE USSR AND CONTINUE WITH THE PLANNED PROGRAM. DELEGATION MEMBERS DISCUSSED INCIDENT RELATED IN REFTEL WITH THEIR SOVIET HOST, WHO REPORTEDLY APOLOGIZED FOR THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED US SCIENTISTS. DELEGATION MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENT DURING THEIR INITIAL CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET HOST ABOUT THE CONCERN IN THE US SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY OVER THE ORLOV CONVICTION, WHICH MAY HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRIGGERED OFFICIAL SOVIET PROTEST REPORTED PARA 1 OF REFTEL.

2. WE PLAN TO USE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS WITH SOVIET COUNTERPARTS THAT DECISION OF THE US DELEGATION TO REMAIN IN THE USSR DOES NOT IN ANY WAY INDICATE ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONDITIONS WHICH

SAFONOV IMPOSED FOR CONTINUANCE OF THE PRO RAM.

3. US DEL REQUESTS THAT DR. WALTER DOWDLE, CDC ATLANTA BE INFORMED THAT GROUP IS PROCEEDING IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD AS PLANNED. DR. PALESI WILL VISIT RIGA AND NOVOSIBIRSK. DR. SCHULMAN PLANS TO DEPART LENINGRAD WITH DRS. CHOPPIN AND KENDAL MAY 31.MATLOCK

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